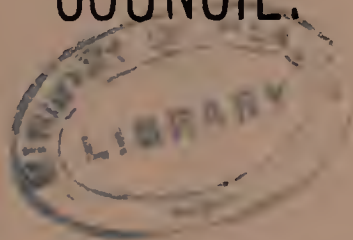


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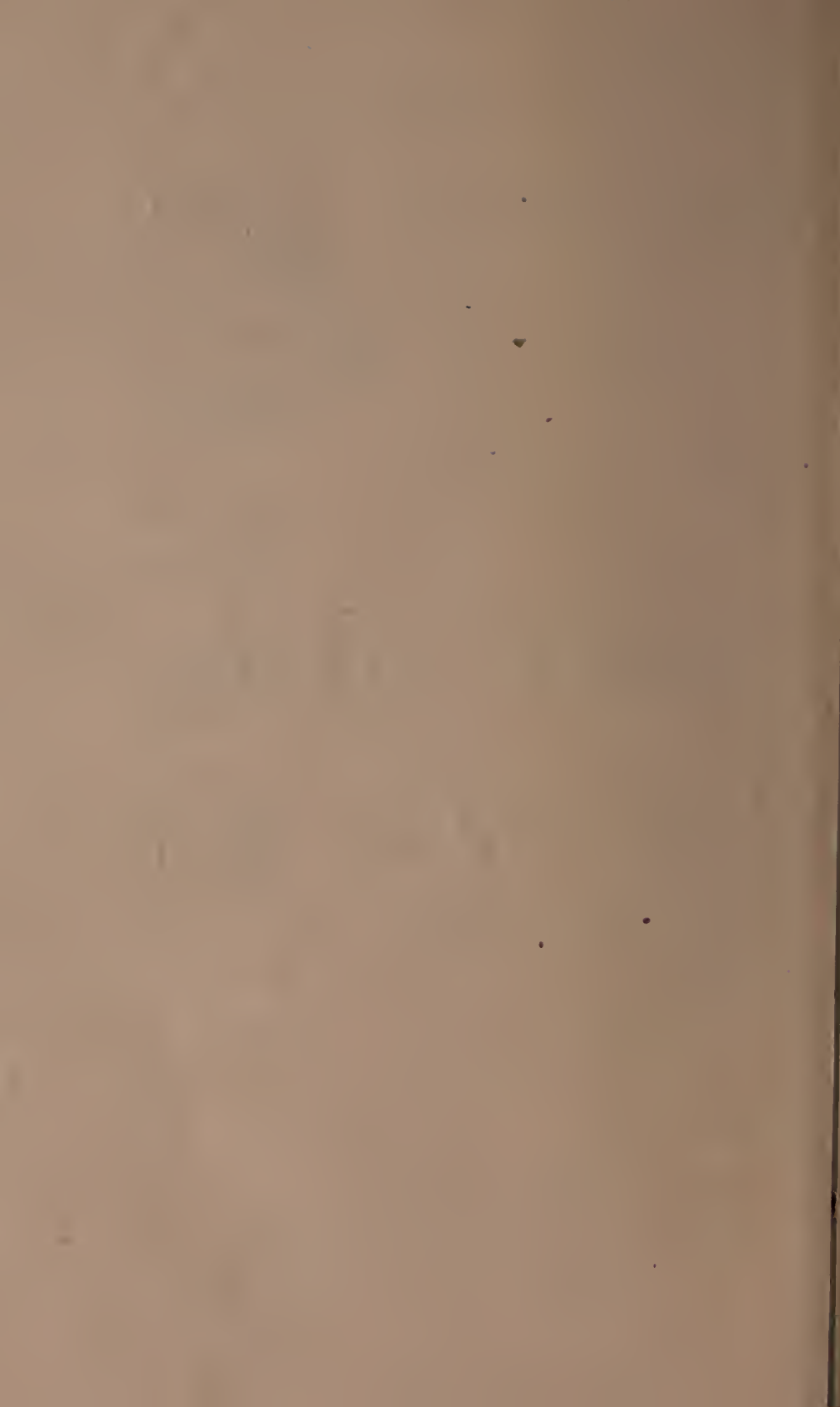


ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

° FOR THE YEAR 1945.



THIRSK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1945.

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

The particulars relating to the year 1945 are presented for your information. As the year under survey marked the conclusion of our A.R.P. Services, I would like to preface my report by putting on record my appreciation of the work done by our Controller and by all the members—men and women—of the First Aid personnel. Their devotion to their work was the keynote to their high standard of efficiency and I record to them all my grateful thanks for their valued and ungrudging help which did so much to ease the responsibility for the providing and maintaining the provisions for First Aid work.

Public Health Staff

Clerk : part time.

Medical Officer : part time.

Sanitary Inspector : F. Metcalfe, Cert. R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

SECTION A

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Area (in acres)	...	...	72,000 (approx)
Estimated residential population	...	...	11,570
(new 1944 R.G.'s figures)			
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	3,530
Rateable Value	...	...	£68,133
Sum represented by penny rate	...	...	£292/4/3

(ONE)

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the year

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	
Live Birth—	186	98	88	Birth Rate per
Legitimate	166	88	78	1000 of the
Illegitimate	20	10	10	population 16.07
Still Births—	7	6	1	Rate per 1000
Legitimate	6	5	1	of all
Illegitimate	1	1	—	Births 37.6
Deaths	158	71	87	Death Rate per
				1000 of the
				population 13 65

Deaths from puerperal causes—

(Headings from the R.G.'s short list).

No. 29. Puerperal Sepsis, Nil.

No. 30. Other puerperal causes, Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age—

All Infants per 1000 live births	59.13
Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births	60.24
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	50.00
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	7
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	1
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	Nil

SECTION B

1. Public Health Staff.

See above.

2. (a) Laboratory Facilities.

Investigations of Public Health importance are done at the Emergency Public Health Laboratory at the County Hall for which an annual payment is made.

(b) Ambulance facilities are provided by the Council as in former years.

(c) Nursing in the home is undertaken by Nursing Committees in different parts of the area.

(d) Clinics and Treatment Centres as in previous years and not under the control of the Council.

(e) Hospitals.

There are now no hospitals under the control of the Council. The infectious cases are removed to the Northallerton Isolation Hospital.

SECTIONS C, D & E

See the Sanitary Inspector's accompanying report.

SECTION F

Prevalence of and control over infectious and other diseases

The year was a favourable one from a Public Health point of view. The health of the district was good. The only disease to assume epidemic form was Measles. Thirteen cases of Scarlet Fever were notified, seven were removed to hospital and six isolated at home. There seemed to be no connection between any of the cases.

Diphtheria 5 cases were notified and all removed to hospital. The cases were mild. At least 3 had received previous immunisation.

Measles. 28 cases were notified.

No case of Whooping Cough was notified, and only one case of Pneumonia.

Notifiable Diseases during year 1945

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Total Cases notified</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital</i>	<i>Total Deaths</i>
Scarlet Fever	13	7	Nil
Diphtheria	5	5	Nil
Pneumonia	1	Nil	5*
Erysipilas	Nil	Nil	Nil
Puerperal Pyrexia	Nil	Nil	Nil

*None of those that died were notified.

<i>Age</i>	<i>Scarlet Fever</i>	<i>Diphtheria</i>	<i>Measles</i>
1-2	1	—	—
2-3	1	—	2
3-4	1	—	—
4-5	2	—	4
5-10	5	2	15
10-15	2	1	5
15-20	1	—	1
20-35	—	1	—
45-65	—	1	1
65 & over	—	—	—
	13	5	28

(3) Cancer. No action taken.

(4) (a) Prevention of Blindness. No action taken.

(b) Tuberculosis. As in previous years.

TUBERCULOSIS :

<i>Age Periods</i>	<i>New cases</i>				<i>Deaths</i>			
	<i>Respiratory</i>		<i>Non-Respiratory</i>		<i>Respiratory</i>		<i>Non-Respiratory</i>	
	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
1-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-15	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
15-25	-	1	-	3	1	-	-	-
25-35	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
35-45	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
45-55	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
55-65	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	2	1	5	3	1	2	1

(FOUR)

Causes of Deaths in Thirsk Rural District 1945

CAUSES OF DEATH			Males	Females
All Causes			71	87
Whooping Cough	...	...	—	—
Diphtheria	...	...	—	—
Influenza	...	...	—	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	...	3	1
Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	2	1
Cancer	...	...	2	5
Measles	...	...	1	—
Diabetes	...	...	1	3
Cerebral Hæmorrhage	...	...	10	8
Heart Disease	...	...	19	31
Other Circulatory Diseases	...	...	3	—
Bronchitis	...	...	—	4
Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	2	3
Other respiratory diseases	...	...	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	...	...	—	2
Appendicitis	...	...	1	—
Other digestive diseases	...	...	—	3
Nephritis	...	...	2	5
Congenital Debility and Premature Birth	...	...	6	3
Suicide	...	...	—	—
Other violence	...	...	5	2
Other defined diseases	...	...	13	15
Diseases ill-defined or not known	...	...	—	—
Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	...	...	—	—
Totals			71	87

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. G. MacARTHUR,

Medical Officer of Health.

THIRSK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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Annual Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year 1945.

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MR. F. METCALFE, M.S.I.A., C.R.San.I.,
(Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor
and Certificated Meat Inspector).

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present my Report of the Sanitary Inspection
of the Area for the year 1945.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water.

Water mains were laid in the village of Pickhill during the year. Other schemes contemplated were piped supplies to Sinderby, Holme and Ainderby Quernhow as extensions to the Pickhill supply, where waters were insufficient or of doubtful quality. Piped water was also considered for the village of Thornton-le-Street in consequence of discolouration of the village well water, and its doubtful quality and insufficiency.

85 visits were made on Water Supplies and 25 samples submitted for analysis.

Drainage and Sewerage.

No extensions were made during the year. 107 tanks were cleared out and one repaired.

55 sewers cleared or repaired; 6 drains tested, 6 repaired and blockage in 79 remedied. Complaint was made by the Yorkshire Fishery Board of damage to fish life from harmful liquids entering the stream. This was found due to an escape from the local Gasworks and steps were taken to prevent a recurrence of this complaint.

Public Cleansing.

The Council undertake the collection, removal and disposal of household refuse and the cleansing of cesspools in the parishes of Thirsk, Sowerby, Carlton Miniott and Langthorpe, also collect and remove refuse from certain schools by arrangement.

Sweeping up after the weekly Market is also done.

The work is carried out with our own men and vehicles. Horses are hired for the collection of liquid filth.

Owing to requests from other villages in the Council's area for scavenging schemes, as householders were finding difficulties in disposing of their refuse without nuisance, the Council agreed to consider a scheme to cover the whole area for putting into effect the following year.

The Council's vehicles used in the collection and disposal of refuse and miles covered during the year are :—

One 7 cube yard Karrier, purchased 1938, miles 2766

One 7 cube yard Karrier, purchased 1945, miles 5088

One Ford Tonner, sold for scrap in 1945, miles 251

Total miles, 8105.

Salvage.

The amount of collectable salvage fell off considerably during the year and monthly collections from village dumps had therefore to be discontinued, collections being made on request only.

In Thirsk and Sowerby a man is employed full time to make house-to-house visits for salvage, also waste paper, and other salvage is collected along with trade waste from local shop premises. The total weight of salvage collected and sold during the year was approx. 39 tons, namely :—

	tons	cwts
Waste Paper	32	16½
Bones	2	7½
Rags	1	15½
Metals	1	—
Bottles and Jars		279 doz.

Total mileage covered by the collecting vehicles, 2038

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919, INFESTATION ORDER, 1943.

During the year your Rodent Officer made 2975 inspections and 1145 re-inspections of premises for location and treatment of rats. 87 Infestations were dealt with comprising one Reservoir, 7 Major, 3 Heavy Minor and 76 Minor.

The poison baits used were red squill and zinc phosphide and a total weight of 1508 oz. was used during the year. Estimated number of rats killed is 2061.

The Council's refuse tips and salvage depots were frequently visited and treated.

No complaint was made during the year of any house being seriously infested, nor was any claim made against the Council of animals or poultry being poisoned in the disinfection of premises.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Total inspections made during the year	...	1466
Total re-inspections made during the year	...	368

Inspections of Houses (Public Health & Housing)	259
" Farm and Dairy Premises (Milk and Dairies Order)	46
" Food 	30
" Premises (essential works)	46
" Factories 	4
" Fish and Chip Premises	2
" Tents Vans and Sheds	3
" Slaughterhouses ...	2
" Keeping of Animals ...	1
" Houses, Infectious Disease	5
" Drains, Sewers and Sewage	66

Visits re Water Supplies 	35
" Public Conveniences 	15
" Scavenging 	798
" Building Bye Laws 	45
" Housing Sites 	6
" Vermineous Houses 	2
" War Damage 	1
" Miscellaneous 	4

Number of premises which required San. improvement	209
" Nuisances dealt with ...	150
" Complaints received and dealt with	48
" Houses disinfected 	15
" Houses treated for vermin (bugs, fleas, etc)	10

NOTICES, Etc.

Informal Notices to Owners or Occupiers ...	202
Statutory Notices to Owners or Occupiers ...	4
Number of Letters sent out 	615

Shops, no action

Smoke abatement, none

Swimming Baths, none

Eradication of Bed Bugs, no action

**Premises and occupations which can be controlled
by Byelaws or Regulations.**

Common Lodging Houses, none.
Tents, Vans and Sheds, no action.

Slaughterhouses. All slaughtering still carried out at the
Government Slaughterhouse at Northallerton.

One Licence issued to Slaughterman under the Slaughter of
Animals Act, 1933.

Petroleum Regulations.

No. of Licences issued :—

Storage of Petrol	...	26
Storage of Calcium Carbide		3

Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

1. By Local Authority Nil
2. By other bodies or persons Nil

16 houses were commenced by the Local Authority towards
the end of the year.

Rural Housing.

This survey was commenced in June with the help of
two unqualified assistants, one of whom was later appointed
Clerk of Works under the Council's Housing Schemes.

By the end of the year, 142 houses had been surveyed
and classified as follows :—

Classification 1	—	6 houses
„ 2	—	23 houses
„ 3	—	36 houses
„ 4	—	—
„ 5	—	77 houses

Number of Informal Notices (Minor repairs)	...	36
Number of Informal Notices complied with	...	18

General Scheme for repair of Houses, etc.

Certificates of Essentiality issued :—

Number of Applications made	...	65
" " refused	...	Nil
" Certificates issued	...	65

Issue of Building Licences commenced 1st August, 1945.

Number of Building Licences issued	...	160
Number of Certificates to purchase materials	...	48

1.—Inspection of Dwelling Houses :—

(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (Public Health and Housing Acts)	... ..	11
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were inspected and recorded	... ..	2
(3) Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	... ..	1
(4) Number of Dwelling Houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	... ..	10

2.—Remedy of defects without service of Formal Notices :—

Number of defective Dwelling Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action	...	7
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3.—Action under Statutory Powers :—

(a) Proceedings under Sections 11 of the Housing Act, 1936 ;—

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted.	1
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in which undertakings were carried out.	1

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(a) Milk Supply.

During the year 17 persons were registered as wholesalers and producers of milk and one as retailer of milk.

Pasteurised milk is sold retail, the milk being purchased in bulk from the Dairy at Northallerton.

Cases of complaint were made of milk received at Northallerton Dairy in a condition unfit for use. Such milk was from farm premises. These were visited at the times of milking and samples taken and submitted for examination. The result of such examinations showed that the milks produced were reasonably clean for ungraded milks.

During the year 46 visits were made to Cowsheds and Dairies.

2 Cowsheds were erected and 3 re-constructed.

(b) Meat and Other Foods.

During the year the following tins of food were condemned as unfit:—

Tins Corned Beef 5, Spam 11, Stewed Steak 10, Prem 1, Pilchards 3, Peaches 46, Sardines 3, Salmon 4, Sausage Meat 3, Baked Beans 69, Lemon Curd 4, Soup 1, Milk 71, Chopped Ham 1, Ox Tongue 2.

Also the following Food :

Luncheon Meat $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs, Oranges 372 lbs, Sugar 76 lbs, Butter $1\frac{3}{4}$ lbs, Tea $3\frac{1}{4}$ lbs, Bacon 203 lbs, Crabs 26 lbs, Chopped Ham $2\frac{3}{4}$ lbs, Cereal Flakes 14 packets, Cocoa 1 packet, Lingford Pudding Mixture 35 packets, Dessert Moulds 12 doz.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

F. METCALFE,

Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

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